

BIG BALL SERIES
OPENS HERE TO-DAY

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WITH SHUGRUE

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R. Edgar's
COLUMN

Well, To-Day is the Day and the Polo Grounds is the Place Where the Event That We've All Been Looking Forward To for Months Takes Place.

Well, well, how time does fly! Here's a big day that we've all been looking forward to for months. And almost before we know it the 1913 championship will be settled, the pennant run up on somebody's flagpole and the Big Series a matter of history.

One thing has been established this season, just as in other seasons before. Americans may get up a little temporary enthusiasm over other games, but BASEBALL is THE game in these United States.

What other game was fans willing to stand in line for a day and a night to get tickets and early admission to the grounds?

What other game enables ticket sharpers to jump prices sky-high and get the money? One or two of the biggest college football matches may do it—but there isn't another game played on this green earth that draws like baseball—draws regular shouting, howling, ball-crazy enthusiasts who go to see the game all summer long and then wind up with one jam-packed of sensations in the so-called world series. You may go to a certain football match every year because your old college has a team on the gridiron, or because you know lots of perfectly good people who go, or because you like football as a game. But how many of the 50,000 that go to see Yale and Princeton, or Yale and Harvard, or Princeton and Harvard, or the Army-Navy, know every player's middle name and pedigree?

Speculators have picked up a limited number of tickets for this series. Yesterday they were asking, and getting, 50 for one ticket each for the three games that may be played in New York. If the third game is not played the ticket holder can get back \$3 for his ticket, from the ball club. In that case the man who buys from a speculator will be paying just \$2 for two tickets. Pretty expensive baseball. Yet there are thousands of New Yorkers who wouldn't grudge the price if they could be sure of getting their seats. One man came up to me yesterday and remarked: "Say, if you have a couple of seats for the first game to spare I'll give you \$50 for them. He didn't get 'em, of course. People who go out to the Polo Grounds to-day, early, determined to get in, will probably find less trouble than they anticipate. Thirty thousand seats will be sold at the gates, and it doesn't take a wonderful amount of nerve to get a couple of seats out of that 30,000. Of course the speculators will be working those gates in relay, trying to slip in and out of the forming lines. Their agents will be right on the job, elbowing real fans out of the way. But any two-fisted man should be able to hold his own against a petty-larceny ticket speculator.

I've been asked what my "decision" was on the Jeanette-Langford "contest." If you persist in regarding it as a contest, Jeanette won. He out-pitched Langford, and in the last round pulled out a big lead—on points. Personally, I don't think it was a contest. I think it was a joke. If it was a contest the whole trouble was that Jeanette was in deadly fear of Langford's punch, and Sam was too fat and sluggish to put the punch over. If it wasn't a contest—well, then it was just another of those things that one who was foolish enough to make wagers on a ninth match of the sort deserves little sympathy.

WHILE considering the aeroplanes and other modern inventions that show enterprise, what's the matter with the moving picture industry? A moving picture firm will take pictures of each game in the world's series and show the pictures on the screen in two places in New York on the same night, only a few hours after the games have been played. Even the Philadelphia games they expect to have on the screen here by 9 P. M. of the same day on which they are played. This is a record breaker in the hustling line.

L EACH CROWN is taking some little risk to-night when he meets Yank Brown. The latter knows nothing about boxing, but he is strong and aggressive and a hard hitter. Leach may possibly be so careless as to place his chin in the track of one of Brown's wild ones, and in that case somebody else may have to be picked to meet Willie Ritchie on the 8th. Oh, yeh, but that would cause weeping and wailing in the Cross family. I can see Brother Sam now!

Peter Volo Breaks Record. LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 7.—The world's record for two-year-old trotters was broken yesterday when Peter Volo broke the Futurity for two-year-old trotters, making the second mile in 2:04. The previous record was 2:05. The fractional time was 58.16, 1:04.13 and 2:04.13. C. R. G. Billings' champion trotter, lowered the world's mark for a quarter-mile by going the distance in 27 seconds.



Heard on the Players' Bench

Cleveland Easily Defeats Pittsburgh in Opening Game of Their Series, Cy Falkenberg Pitching His Team to Victory in Magnificent Style.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 7.—"Cy" Falkenberg held the Pittsburgh National League team to two hits in the opening game of their post-season series to-day and Cleveland took the first game, 3 to 0. With two out in the second inning, Miller walked and Mitchell got the Pittsburghers' first hit, a single to left. Gilson then flied out. In the sixth, with one out, Carey got the visitors' other hit, a single to center. Dolan walked, but Hans Wagner hit into a double play. Thereafter Pittsburgh failed to get a man on first base. Adams kept Cleveland's hits scattered until the sixth, when Jackson's single and Leake's long double scored the first run. In the seventh Cleveland scored two more on Olson's single. Dolan's wild throw of Graney's grounder and Wagner's wild throw to the plate on Falkenberg's infield hit. Only 6,000 fans turned out to see the game.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—The first game to decide the baseball championship of the city of Chicago will be played here to-day, starting at 2 o'clock, between the Chicago teams of the American and National Leagues. The weather forecast is for clear skies. President Committee of the American League Club indicated that Walsh, who has been the mainstay of the American Leaguers in the previous series between the two clubs, would be in condition to participate in the series. The advance sale of tickets for the first game has been large. The probable batteries will be Cheney and Archer for the Nationals, and Russell and Schalk for the Americans.

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 7.—In a fast, very exciting and profitable exhibition game here, the last for local fans as well as the teams, the Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the Washingtons 1 to 1, the great Walter Johnson being hit for five hits in the five innings he pitched. After that the veteran Hughes went in. Near the end the game became farcical.

What the Rival Leaders
Have to Say About Series.

BY JOHN M'GRAV, (Manager of the Giants.) Really, I don't know definitely just who will lead the hitting order now that Shugrue is injured again. I want to sleep over it. As to my pitching selection, I always wait to see the conditions and how the men warm up. You know I have four good pitchers to pick from. With the exception of Shugrue, the men are all in good condition. Don't worry about Larry Doyle. He'll be in there leading the fight. As to the series—well, after twenty-five years in baseball I have reached the conclusion that everything else being equal, the luck of the game is mightier than the team.

BY CONNIE MACK, (Manager of the Athletics.) Of course, I think the boys will win. Is there any reason why a better club should not win? A season's load of bad "breaks," lots of counting out, will not stop my men. I feel confident the Athletics will be the champions, but the heat of plans sometimes go awry. Nearly everything appears to depend upon the pitchers themselves. I have no fears for the rest of my team.

the batmen striking at the first ball that the pitchers lobbed over with a minimum of effort. The players displayed more interest in catching an early train back to New York than in winning the game, which was witnessed by a big crowd.

William Klem, Charles Rigler, Thomas Connolly and John Egan, the umpires for the world's series, appeared before their bosses, the National Commission, yesterday and discussed points relative to the big tussle. The principal matter to be settled was regarding rules which are construed differently in the two leagues and it was agreed to accept the National League way in New York and the American League interpretation in Philadelphia. In two rules are construed differently. In the National when a pitcher drops a ball as he is about to pitch it is a balk, provided, of course, there is somebody on base.

Nationals Lead
Americans, 24 to 21,
In October Derby.

	1908.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New York, N. L.	4	4	0	.800
Philadelphia, A. L.	1	4	2	.200
1909.				
Chicago, A. L.	4	2	2	.667
Chicago, N. L.	2	4	2	.333
1910.				
Chicago, N. L.	4	0	1,000	
Detroit, A. L.	0	4	.000	
1911.				
Chicago, N. L.	4	1	.800	
Detroit, A. L.	1	4	.200	
1912.				
Pittsburgh, N. L.	4	3	.571	
Detroit, A. L.	3	4	.429	
1913.				
Philadelphia, A. L.	4	1	.800	
Chicago, N. L.	1	4	.200	
1911.				
Philadelphia, A. L.	4	2	.667	
New York, N. L.	2	4	.333	
1912.				
Boston, A. L.	4	2	.571	
New York, N. L.	2	4	.333	
TOTAL.				
National League.	24	21	.528	
American League.	21	24	.467	

SAM JACKSON PICKED
TO WIN BIG RACE TO-DAY.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 7.—The four-mile race for the Kentucky Endurance Stakes, valued at approximately \$5,000, will be the feature at the opening here to-day of the fall race meeting of the Churchill Downs track. Out of a total of thirty nominations filed for this rich stake it is probable that only six horses will face the starter. With favorable weather and a fast track many horsemen predict that the winner will lower the world's record for the distance, 2:10.44, established by Sotemita, last year's winner of the fixture. Sam Jackson, owned by J. L. McGinnis, is the acknowledged favorite in the field of six starters. The entries and weights, with names of owners, follow:

Prince Eugene (J. Livingston), 108; Sam Jackson (J. L. McGinnis), 119; Milton B. (J. W. Johnson), 119; Beautiful (J. W. Pyper), 119; Mission (August Belmont), 119; Pandora (Mrs. L. A. Livingston), 116.

Alberts Outlasts Gates. WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 7.—Johnny (Kid) Alberts, who claims the welter-weight championship of America, gave Battling Gates of this city a sound thrashing in ten rounds. The bout, from a spectator's standpoint, was a one-sided affair, and there were many who believed Alberts could have stowed the local boy away. The only rounds in which Gates gave a good account of himself were the first and second, and in these two sessions he managed to get an even break. For the rest of the contest he was outclassed.

Coach Haughton Tells His Men
That They Put Up the Worst
Exhibition He Ever Saw in
His Regime at Harvard.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 7.—"I have coached Harvard football teams for five years, and during that time I have never seen any team of mine put up a worse exhibition than you fellows Saturday," was the uncompromising salutation by Coach Haughton that greeted Harvard's varsity squad yesterday at the opening of the daily black-board talk. The coach went on to dilate on bonehead and false alarm football players, interspersing his remarks with true "Haughton-esque" sarcasm. That there were mistakes and many of them during the Bates melee was ably demonstrated by the big chieftain. Maine's exceptional showing against Yale meant absolutely nothing, he said. The Eli bulldog would be there as usual next November, full of fight, and with his teeth ground for crimson gore. A lively scrimmage is programmed for this afternoon.

CONSOLIDATED BROKERS'
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY.

The annual handicap golf tournament of the Consolidated Stock Exchange is played at Salisbury course, Garden City, Long Island, to-day. There have been more than thirty entries for the tournament, including such well known players as Archie (Brahman) former champion of New Jersey, W. S. Silworth, recent winner of a large silver ball at Glenwood Country Club, Charles Liebskind, T. D. Scoble, Charles T. Small, A. R. Allan, Paul Sheldon, A. C. Sumner, H. W. Longstreet, George C. Thomas, J. E. Kelley and E. W. Van Vleet. Four handsome prizes have been provided, two for class A and B respectively.

Herman Given Hirsch Next Lacing. NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 7.—Kid Her-

man, local 110-pound championship aspirant, climbed a little nearer the goal last night when he gave Ruby Hirsch of Chicago a neat lacing in ten fast rounds at the New Orleans A. C. The first and second rounds were even, but the rest were all Herman's. Hirsch appeared too finely drawn and it was only by the fastest sort of footwork and blocking that he avoided a knockout.

Williams Wins Another Bout. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 7.—Kid Williams of Baltimore defeated Willie Mack here, last night, in a sensational bout before the Olympia A. C. For two rounds Mack held Williams at bay, but the latter then took the aggressive, giving Willie a severe beating. Mack only managed to stay to the finish by clinching.

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K. O. Brown in
Winning Form

Knockout Brown has "come back" for further orders, judging by his showing against Phil Bloom in their ten-round bout at Brooklyn. This is the

second victory for the flaxen-haired warrior in a week's time. Bloom received a "blooming good" licking. He showed up well in the early rounds, but in the sixth he was badly punished and almost put to sleep, while in the last three rounds he was frequently in distress. Brown leaves to-day for New Orleans for his bout with Frankie Russell on Oct. 14.

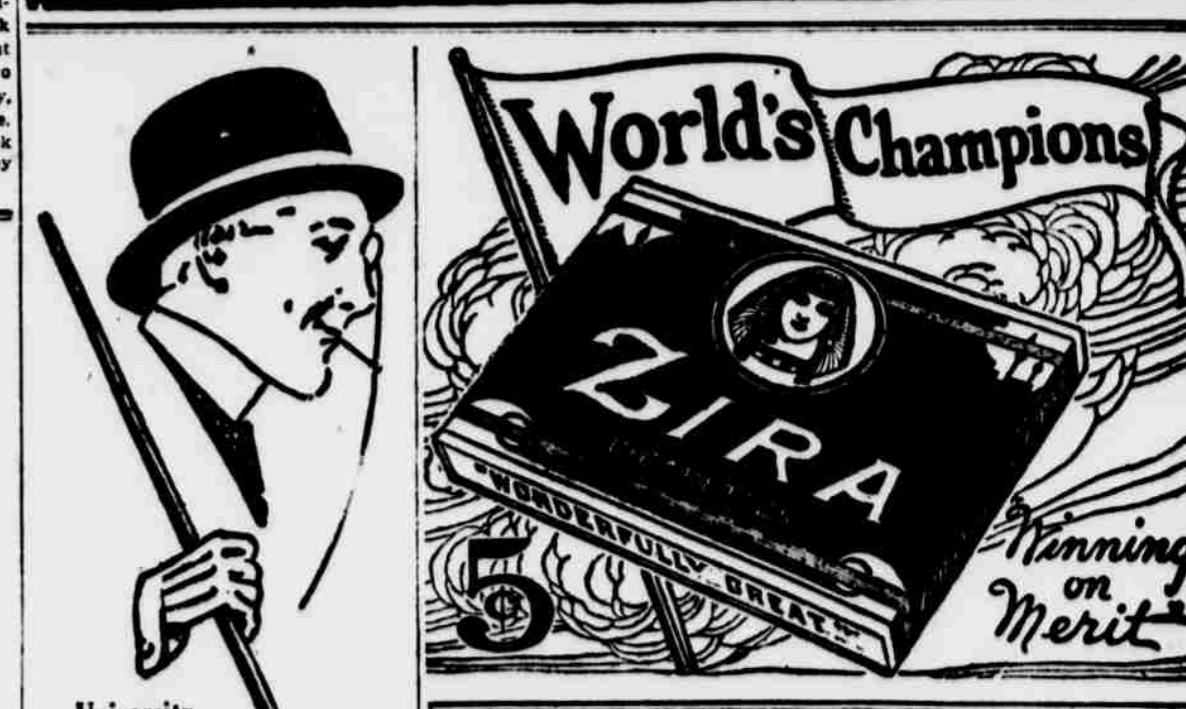
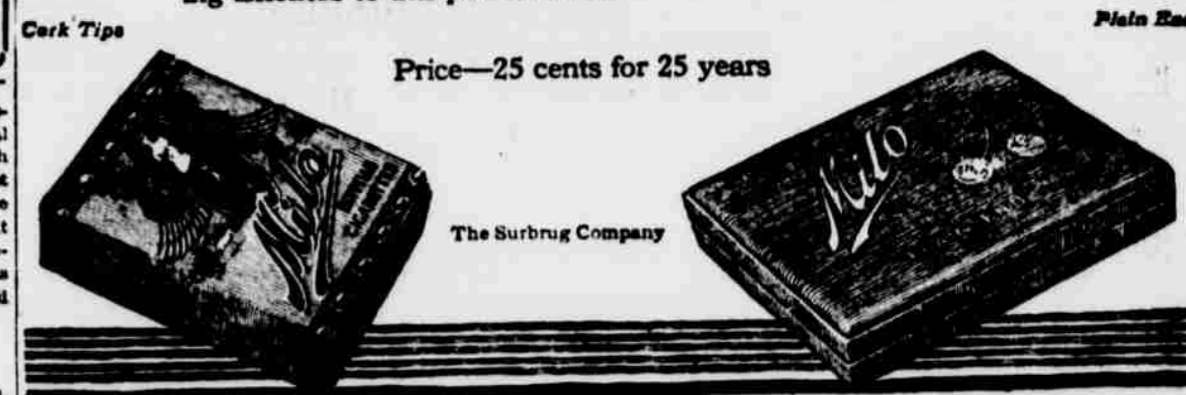


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